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Spain A Menace To World Peace

New York, April 28.
Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations Security Council, insists that there is enough evidence already before the Council to bolster Poland's charge that Franco Spain is a menace to world peace and is harbouring Nazis and war criminals, it was reported yesterday, morning. It was also reported that he is unchanged in his stand for immediate action by the United Nations.

Rafael de la Colina, temporary Mexican delegate, has worked steadily trying to produce a solution on which the Council might act unanimously. He has approached his colleagues on the basis of a resolution put before the Council by Australian delegate Hodgson.

This resolution, on which every delegate except Russia, was agreed more or less, would:

- (1) Take a note, as both France and Poland desire, of condemnation of the Franco regime by the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations, by the first general assembly of the United Nations Organization in London and by delegates in discussions since the question arose in the Council.
- (2) Request the Council to make further studies to determine whether the situation in Spain endangers peace, and if so, what to do about it.
- (3) Authorise a sub-committee of five Council members to examine statements and documents, and also conduct such inquiries as the sub-committee deems to be necessary and then report back to the Council as soon as practicable. — Associated Press.

"Old Methods"

London, Apr. 28.
Describing the United Nations Security Council manner of handling the Spanish question as a "duplication of the League of Nations mistake," Moscow radio today said that the Russian people regard the United Nations as a "serious instrument of peace." The commentator said the Russians "are prepared to support any measures aimed at destroying the sources of Fascism in whatever part of the world it may be. Forming commissions and unnecessary inquiries when a firm international action is needed is the way and a typical method used by the old League of Nations." — Associated Press.

Hodgson Leaves

New York, Apr. 28.
Australia's delegate, Lt.-Col. William Hodgson, today announced he was withdrawing from the United Nations Security Council because of his wife's illness and that his successor Paul Hasluck would carry on his policies without change.

Hodgson has been the prime mover for a unanimous solution of the Spanish question by suggesting the creation of a committee to investigate Franco Spain before any action is taken to break relations with Spain as demanded by Poland. — Associated Press.

Obituary

Dean Of Westminster

London, Apr. 28.
The Dean of Westminster, Dr. P. F. D. Lablanc, died in hospital this morning aged 67. He underwent an operation on Good Friday.
The Right Reverend Paul Eusebius Lablanc, who served as an army chaplain in the First World War. He was attached to the Egyptian Expeditionary Force and in the Sahara and was mentioned in dispatches.
During the German air raids on London in 1941, most of the Deanery was destroyed but the Dean and Mrs. Lablanc continued to live in the portion remaining although the King and Queen offered them apartments in Buckingham Palace. — Reuter.

MOST VITAL QUESTION All Eyes On Negotiations In Paris

Optimism Rises In London

LONDON, APRIL 28.
WITH THE MOST VITAL QUESTION OF THE DAY WHETHER OR NOT THE GREAT POWERS CAN AGREE ON A BASIC PEACE SETTLEMENT, THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS HAVE ECLIPSED ALL OTHER DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN IMPORTANCE. EVEN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK HAVE BECOME OVERNIGHT SECONDARY INTEREST.

SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE ATTEMPT TO ASSESS THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN TERMS OF ANYTHING LESS SUBJECTIVE THAN OPTIMISM OR PESSIMISM. OPTIMISM ROSE SEVERAL POINTS IN LONDON WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAVE NOW AGREED TO THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES AT THE DISCUSSION OF ALL PEACE TREATIES. BUT THIS, AFTER ALL, IS ONLY A CURTAIN RAISER TO WHAT PROMISES TO BE A LONG PROCESS OF HARD BARGAINING.

At the very outset of this process the Soviet Union has made an important concession on the matter to which it is well known that Britain and the United States, as well as France, attach great importance. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the Soviet Government expects that the next concession of importance should come from another power, and since the conference has now fixed its rules of procedure, it will presumably come on the point of substance.

Over which the Powers are willing to negotiate, the greater is the chance of reaching a total agreement. At the same time, the more difficult it is to agree, the wider the field of negotiation will be if success is to be achieved.

One of the surest tests of the probability of agreement is the interest which each delegation regards as so essential as to permit compromise — and are these incompatible? Which are the questions which the powers regard as of secondary importance?

It is only possible to point out to a few of these with any certainty. For the French Government it is the supreme issue. Stringent security on her Eastern frontiers is probably the greatest single ambition of French foreign policy. French concessions in other spheres could probably be won more easily if the German question is discussed in relation to the total settlement.

For Britain, the essential considerations are probably maintenance of secure Empire communications and the restoration of political and economic normalcy in Europe. In practical terms, this is generally considered to mean that Britain would find it impossible to hand over Tripolitania to the sole trusteeship of the Soviet Union, to impose crushing reparations on Italy.

The United States, as a non-European Power, is generally supposed to have specific interest in the details of the treaty. Washington's main interest is to see that peace is concluded happily.

Unknown Factor
The great unknown factor is, of course, the basic aims of the Soviet Union. If Moscow is determined to avoid all compromise on its claims to sole trusteeship of Tripolitania then the outlook is not very hopeful. But an historical analysis of Russian foreign policy suggests that the future of the Dardanelles is still more important to Moscow.

Of the problems which arise for the discussion in Paris — among them the Danube, the size of the Soviet garrisons in the Balkans and the future of Tripolitania — the most important question to Russia is the Straits.

This is not on the Paris agenda and Turkey, the power most closely concerned is not represented. But well-informed quarters in London believe that the future of the Straits will be the major influence on the peace treaty negotiations. — Reuter.

U.S. Demand
Washington, Apr. 28.
The U.S. State Department has announced that America wants to maintain bases in Iceland beyond the conclusion of the war.
This is roughly defined in informal quarters as "when the peace treaties are signed." — Reuter.

ATTLEE ON SPAIN
Newcastle, Apr. 28.
In a speech delivered before the Northern Council of the Labour Party, Prime Minister Clement Attlee said, yesterday he would like to see the Spanish put an end to the Franco regime as soon as possible. — Associated Press.

NO FOOD QUEUES FOR THEM!

Herford, Westphalia Apr. 28.
A gang of five men using an armoured car and brandishing knives and Sten guns last night raided a German farm at Ohndorf near Cologne and afterwards shot up a German police patrol summoned to the farm.
Police cars were held up and their tires punctured by bullets. One policeman was relieved of his gun. Then the bandits made off with about 1 cwt. of potatoes, 1 cwt. of pork and a radio. — Reuter.

CHURCHILL SAYS WORLD IS ILL

Aberdeen, Apr. 28.
Mr. Winston Churchill declared yesterday that the underlying United States will be to make the English-speaking world "unconquerable" in a world rife with hatred.

He said: "We do not know that the hatred and confusing issues which abound will not confront us with even harder trials than those we have so narrowly and painfully survived."

Speaking at a "freedom of the city" celebration in his honour, Mr. Churchill declared "the world is ill" and science had placed in the hands of men "agencies of destruction far beyond any development of their common sense or virtue."

"There never was a time when breathing space was more needed, a truce of God and man," he said, "mankind cannot bear new shocks without descending to altogether cruder and primordial forms." — Associated Press.

"IRAQ IS READY"

Baghdad, Apr. 28.
Premier Seyid Taufiq es Suwaidi of Iraq said yesterday that all Arab countries would "act collectively in case the joint ambition of the Anglo-American Committee goes against Arab aspirations."
Asked what action is contemplated, the Premier said "The Arab League is responsible for deciding a course of action for all Arab countries. Iraq is ready to give full support." — Associated Press.

Powers Divide Up Italian Fleet

PARIS, APRIL 28.
TODAY'S THREE AND A HALF HOUR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS, CONTRARY TO ALL EXPECTATIONS, ENTIRELY TAKEN UP BY THE DISPOSAL OF THE ITALIAN FLEET.
THE CONFERENCE HAD BEFORE IT THE REPORT OF NAVAL EXPERTS PRODUCED BY THE NAVAL COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE DEPUTIES IN LONDON AT LANCASTER HOUSE. AMERICAN, RUSSIAN AND FRENCH ADMIRALS WERE ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE.

The Conference decided to set up a committee of experts whose terms of reference are as follows: 1. To examine the available Italian naval tonnage. 2. After the limitation of Italy's peace time fleet is agreed on, to consider the claims of Greece and Yugoslavia to meet them. 3. To divide the remainder of the Italian fleet equitably between Britain, the United States, Russia and France.

One of the main questions discussed today was how many cruisers would be left to Italy. Rival suggestions for five and three were compromised by the decision to leave four.
Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Minister, insisted strongly that one Italian cruiser be allotted to Greece in consideration for the Greek cruiser Hellas, sunk by an Italian submarine, prior to the outbreak of war between Italy and Greece.
Mr. Bevin also led the suggestion that the Italian submarine fleet be settled with the exception of a few submarines to be kept by the Allies for experimental purposes.
There was no discussion today of the conference agenda or of the sequence of outstanding items of the Italian peace treaty, contrary to the predictions in conference circles.
Royal Sovereign
The next meeting of the Ministers has been fixed for 4.00 p.m. on Monday. There will be no deputies meeting during the weekend but they are expected to meet as usual on Monday morning.
In relation to the Italian Navy, no mention was made today of Italian battleships nor was it explicitly stated whether the British and American battleships "Royal Sovereign" and "Milwaukee" — which were given to Russia in advance of Italian naval reparations — are to be returned to Italy. — Associated Press.

SOME BRITONS ALSO AGAINST U.S. LOAN

LONDON, APRIL 28.
AS THE BRITISH PEOPLE WATCH WITH INCREASING APPREHENSION THE UNITED STATES SENATE LEISURELY WORKING ITS WAY INTO THE PARLIAMENTARY BOX, WHICH LOOKS FROM HERE AS THOUGH IT MIGHT DELAY ACTION ON THE LOAN INDEFINITELY THERE IS A REVIVAL OF ACTIVITY AMONG GROUPS IN THIS COUNTRY TO SEE THE LOAN FAIL.

THESE ARE THE GROUPS THAT WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES OUT OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE MARKETS AND WOULD THUS LIKE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES TRADE POLICY PROPOSALS TURNED DOWN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT THEM IF THE LOAN GOES THROUGH.

Some of this propaganda bears a curious resemblance to some of the arguments of Senator Taft. Tonight for example, Lord Lloyd, speaking at the industrial centre of Birmingham under the auspices of the Empire Industries Association said that in view of the quoted conditions attached by the United States to the loan, default was "almost inevitable."

He also attacked the United States, "who like the Bourbons have apparently learned nothing and forgotten nothing" for trying to impose the 19th century economic policy on the world after its demonstrated failure in the years prior to 1929.

The Empire Industries Association is also circulating a pamphlet attacking the loan and financial accord, the main theme of which is "that nothing can be offered us which could compensate for weakening or eliminating Imperial Preference."

It now looks as though this group and other loan opponents will try to influence the British Government to enter trade negotiations with a firm position against any concessions of Imperial Preference. Formerly they had been content to insist that something be obtained in exchange for any concessions.

Diminishing Resources
Delay on the loan is embarrassing to the British in more ways than one. The Dominion leaders conference with the British Government hasn't got down to trade problems yet, but it is well known that Australia and New Zealand are very doubtful about the wisdom of Britain's supporting the United States trade policy proposals. Their representatives came here needing persuasion if their governments are to line up with the United States and (Continued on Page 4)

U.S. Could "Atom Blitz" Russia

Washington, April 28.
The United States War Department tonight returned a stern "no comment" to the front page article by Ralph Ingersoll in the "Left-wing P.M." today alleging that a modernised American air force in Europe is strategically in position to "atom blitz" Russia.

Ingersoll, author of the controversial book "Top Secret" adds: "That is why the Soviet fears America."

The report claims that the United States Bomber Force in Europe has been completely reequipped with B-29 (Superfortresses) and that the conversion of the United States Fighter Force in Europe to high speed jet and other post-war models is to begin. — Reuter.

SMUTS HAS A NEAR SHAVE

Northolt Aerodrome, April 28.

Field Marshal Jan Smuts, South African Premier, had a narrow escape over the Mediterranean early this morning when his Avro plane, bringing him from Cairo for the Empire Prime Ministers' meeting, was struck by lightning.

Field Marshal Smuts himself made light of the experience. He dismissed it by saying, "We had some lightning over the Mediterranean," and added, "here we are, all safe and sound."

The plane had left the Castel Benito airfield in North Africa, where it had landed to refuel after the flight from Cairo. Midway across the Mediterranean, the machine ran into a thunderstorm. Flashes of lightning stabbed through the clouds. The plane became enveloped in mist. Suddenly, there was blinding light which seemed to streak from one of the engines. It entered the pilot's cabin, and there was a loud explosion. It was an anxious moment, but the plane held its course.
The compasses were damaged, but fortunately the radio and automatic pilot continued to function. This is the second time that Field Marshal Smuts has seen his plane struck by lightning. The first occasion was when he flew from Pretoria to Kismayu to attend a conference of Dominion Premiers in London before going to San Francisco. — Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Humid, cloudy, overcast, light winds. Yesterday's temperatures, etc.: Maximum: 35 deg. at 2 p.m. Minimum: 78 deg. at 10 p.m. — Reuter.

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World Trade

There is nothing unexpected in the American invitation to a preliminary conference of leading nations in an attempt to find a measure of agreement on the clearance of trade barriers by concerted international action. When the terms of the proposed American loan were published last December, it was officially recognized that an "important purpose" of the loan was "the development of multilateral trade" and "its early resumption on a non-discriminatory basis." It was also quite obvious that, failing an expansion of world commerce, repayment of the loan might well become impossible, and the Bretton Woods currency plan could not work. A general international conference was therefore envisaged for this summer, and the American and British Governments possibly remembering the fiasco of such an unprepared Conference 13 years ago, has rightly decided to get ready in time. There is a lot to prepare. From the point of view of the British Empire, the crucial question is the future of Imperial Preferences. The Government has already stated its readiness to "contract the system of preferences," but only in return for improved trade between the Empire and the rest of the world. In many quarters it has been feared that the new arrangements might destroy a materially and morally valuable link between the partners in the Empire without securing any adequate compensation. One of the preliminary conferences announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison the other day will therefore be designed to ensure that on this matter the Empire speaks with a strong and single voice. The other but later preliminary Conference has been called by the United States, and the only country invited which has not yet made up its mind to attend is Russia. The most important of many questions which it will illuminate is how far the United States is ready to go in the reduction of tariff barriers. The temptation to make a self-sufficient economy into a closed economy must always be strong. American productive capacity is such that over a range wide enough to secure a high standard of living it could both supply home markets and have a large surplus for export. It remains to be seen, and will be seen at this Conference, whether the United States yet takes the longer view that exports require imports and there can be no permanent prosperity in isolation. The main Conference, to be called later still by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, will thus have before it a mass of indispensable preliminary information. As Mr. Morrison said, it is right that even in the present age of scarcity all countries should start thinking what they will do when the age of abundance returns. We do not want this return to be accompanied either by high tariff walls or by import quotas or by any of the other devices by which, before the war, countries endeavored to safeguard their own producers and their own volume of employment. That is why, in spite of some misgivings, Britain is, on the whole, willing to try the new system implicit in the American loan conditions and in the Bretton Woods plan. What Britain's contribution is to be will become clearer after consultations with the organisations of employers and with the T.U.C. upon which the Attlee Government is now embarking.

LAST VOYAGE

Eniwetok, Marshall Is., Apr. 28. The Japanese battleship "Nagato" sailed from here yesterday on route for Bikini for a rendezvous with the atom bomb test fleet. The Japanese light cruiser "Sakawa" sailed the day before. Both are scheduled to arrive at Bikini today. Associated Press.

G.O.C. Inspects Hong Kong Boy Scouts

Single Customs Union In 1948

Brussels, April 28. The experiment in economic cooperation which by 1948 will knit together 17,000,000 Dutchmen, Belgians and Luxembourgers in a single customs union will begin in this corner of Western Europe during the summer.

Decisions reached by delegations representing Belgium, Holland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at a recent conference at The Hague call for a common customs tariff for the three countries to be drawn up and accepted by August and to come into force by the end of the year.

Owing to the technical difficulties involved in fitting together two very different economies, the customs frontier between Belgium and Holland will continue to be effective throughout 1947. But by the end of that year it is hoped that Belgium and Holland will for customs purposes have become one unit—that is to say by 1948 French goods in transit through Belgium for Holland will pay duty only at the Franco-Belgian frontier, sums paid being credited to the Union's account.

Need For Uniformity

To achieve this stage of unity, adjustments in economic practice of the two main participants will have to be made to establish uniformity in, for example, transport, the tariff system of licences and of customs collection.

Paul Henri Spaak, Belgium's Socialist Foreign Minister and President of the U.N.O., who headed the Belgian delegation to the recent customs talks at The Hague, explained that as soon as these adjustments have been made, Belgium and Holland intend to set about linking up their two economies by agreeing to co-ordinated policies of wages, prices, taxation, economic planning and foreign trade.

Such co-operation has already been in practice for 25 years between Belgium, with its population of 8,000,000, and Luxembourg, with its 300,000 people. The Secretary-General of this ancient economic union, Luc Hommel, commenting on the possibility of linking up with Holland in a wider union said: "Our whole economic and to some extent, our political future, is concerned." "United economically to Holland," he added, "we shall represent a bloc which, with the 24,900,000 worth of foreign trade according to the 1939 figures will rank immediately after the United States. If our experiment succeeds, it is not presumptuous to believe that it will have a decisive influence on the economic organisation of the world."—Reuter.

POWERS DIVIDE UP ITALIAN FLEET

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vet against Russia's share of the Italian Navy. The fact that capital ships were not mentioned does not mean that the subject was not fully covered in the report of the naval experts.

The Commission of Naval Investigation is not expected to take unduly long in reaching a conclusion.

The "Big Four" Ministers will spend Sunday consulting with their military, naval and political advisers on the proposed terms for Italy but the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is to leave by air on Sunday morning for a twenty-four hour visit to London.

Mr. Bevin's return is believed to have three purposes: To consult with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and members of the Cabinet, to discuss the problems of the Paris Conference with the heads of the Dominion Governments now in London, including General Smuts, the South African Premier, who is expected to reach Britain tomorrow, and to select British representatives on the Four-Power Committee of experts, established to study what resources Italy has available for reparation payments.—Reuter.

THE COLONY'S SCOUTS — INCLUDING CUBS AND ROVERS — TURNED OUT EN MASSE YESTERDAY ON THE WATERFRONT AND MARCHED UP GARDEN ROAD TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, WHERE THEY WERE INSPECTED BY THE G.O.C., GENERAL FESTING. A TOTAL OF 663 SCOUTS WERE ON PARADE.

AT 2.45 P.M. GENERAL FESTING ARRIVED AND WAS GREETED BY MR. C. C. QUAH, THE DEPUTY COLONY COMMISSIONER AND MR. F. C. WALLIS, THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF THE PARADE.

The band of the St. Louis Industrial School then played the National Anthem, as the National Flag rose.

The G.O.C., accompanied by Mr. J. Pan, the District Commissioner in charge, then inspected the Parade. The Cubs under the care of the Hon. Marshal, Mrs. G. M. Wallis were first inspected. The General taking a special interest in the very young ones. The Scouts under the charge of the D.S.Ms., Messrs. Wong Yat Hung and Tony Yung, came next, and General Festing commented on the good turn-out of many troops and added words of encouragement to each troop as he went round. Then the Rovers were inspected. They were all under the charge of Mr. E. J. Harris, the D.R.S.I. of the Services Rover Crews. The General spent some time speaking with the Services Rovers and was interested to know that some of them were here for only a few days.

At the end of the inspection, the General was welcomed, with the "Grand Howl" by all the 90 Cubs present. The Cub Law was then said in English and Chinese, followed by the Scout Law in English and Chinese. Directly after this, the Cubs and Scouts reaffirmed their promise.

Finest Ideal

The Deputy Commissioner in his speech of welcome, thanked the General and many guests for their presence and assured all present that many obstacles had been overcome and that scouting is firmly on its feet again.

The G.O.C., addressing the scouts as a brother scout, told them that he first joined the Movement in 1914. After commenting on the smart turn-out he asked all scouts present to look to the future and said that the scout law was one of the finest ideals to live up to. He ended by saying that there was much

Confidence In China's Future

Singapore, Apr. 28.

Confidence in a bright future for a united China in years to come was expressed here today by Paul R. Josselyn, new American consul-general to Singapore.

Josselyn, who has spent 36 years of his diplomatic career in China, envisaged also intensified cooperation between China and the United States. Educational ties, he said, were being fostered by the exchange of professors, and in the technical sphere many Chinese are being sent to America for training in engineering and other professions.

The new consul-general first served in China in 1910 at the American legation in Peking. Later he was stationed at Tientsin, Canton, Chungking, Hankow and Shanghai. Associated Press.

CORRESPONDENCE

Casualties

Sir, Can you please oblige by printing the differences of casualties of the British Empire forces in world war I (1914-18) and world war II (1939-46)? There are doubts in the minds of the majority of men on the squadron as to the exact figures.

MIGHT AND MAIN

British Empire casualties 1914-18 totalled 1,089,910 killed and 2,400,988 wounded. In 1939-46 war British Empire casualties were 836,772 killed and 2,910,224 wounded.—T.T.

HAMELIN NAZI SENTENCED

London, Apr. 28. Doctor Joseph Kramer, former Reichstag Deputy, who ordered the killing of all prisoners in Hamelin Gaol on the approach of the Allies, has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment by a British Military Court at Brunswick. The British News Service in Germany reported tonight. It was thought that the comparatively light sentence was due to the fact that Kramer's later decision to countermand his order was accepted as an extenuating circumstance.—Reuter.

NO TALK OF CESSION OF HONG KONG

Nanking, Apr. 28. General Carton de Wiart, personal representative of the British Prime Minister to China, arrived here yesterday aboard a plane from England. He said he was merely returning to his "old job" with no special mission in view.

Asked whether during his stay in London he discussed the cession of Hong Kong to China—a subject renewed here again in recent weeks—he replied: "Not at all. There has been no talk whatsoever on that subject."

Doctor Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, also arrived here yesterday. He said he had made no representations to Britain concerning Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

DANISH BOYS VISIT BRITAIN

London, Apr. 28. A party of 32 boys and six officers of the Boys Brigade of Denmark will arrive here on Monday for the Boys Brigade Rally to be held in London on May 3. This is the first time since liberation that a contingent of a youth organisation from one of the occupied countries has visited Britain.

Many of the Danish boys took part in the underground movement. Eleven of their leaders died and more than 100 were sent to concentration camps.—Reuter.

Negotiations To End Civil War

CHUNGKING, APRIL 28.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS TAKING A PERSONAL HAND IN NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE MANCHURIA CIVIL WAR, MEETING ALMOST DAILY WITH GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ENVOY TO CHINA, INSTEAD OF ACTING THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES. MARSHALL IS OBVIOUSLY MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN SOME SORT OF "CEASE FIRE" AGREEMENT AND IS REMOVING HIS HEADQUARTERS TO NANKING, MEETING ALTERNATELY WITH THE GENERALISSIMO AND THE COMMUNIST LEADER, GENERAL CHOU EN-LAI.

Yesterday morning Marshall spent a long time in conference with Chou En-lai. In the afternoon he went to Chiang Kai-shek's country home to await the Generalissimo's return from Chengtu in order to resume negotiations. Marshall spent an entire day in conferences, meeting representatives of the Democratic League, then conferring with Chou En-lai and finally meeting Chiang Kai-shek. Marshall's headquarters said they had no information on progress toward any agreement.

At the Communist headquarters, a spokesman said the party leaders were "hopeful" that an agreement to end the Manchurian fighting could be reached before Marshall leaves for Nanking.

He added "We understand Marshall is scheduled to go to Nanking on Monday. If he goes that time without an announcement of 'cease fire' it will mean there is little hope of halting the conflict. But if he delays his departure longer it is an indication that progress is being made toward settlement."

Optimistic Air

The atmosphere throughout Chungking continued most optimistic, although there is no indication that Marshall will bring in time the factional leaders closer to signing a new cease fire agreement. All groups appeared concentrating their efforts on at least halting the fighting in Manchuria before moving to Nanking.

Foreign Minister Wang Hsi-chieh and members of his staff flew to Nanking yesterday in General Marshall's special plane. At the same time, Lt. Gen. Alvan Gillem left for Nanking to open the new headquarters of General Marshall there.

Leave Harbin

A correspondent for the newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" said that a few Chinese Government officers have left Harbin for Vladivostok, apparently to escape the Communists.

Who same newspaper declared reports that the Government's First Army had by-passed Sze-ping and was fighting with in 30 miles of Changchun were erroneous. It said the First Army was still up around Sze-ping, nearly 80 miles southwest of Changchun.—Associated Press.

Chinese Who Was Head Of Jap C.I.D.

Singapore, Apr. 27.

Lam Weng-chak, son of the late millionaire sportsman Lam Loong-king, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined Straits \$10,000 for actions committed against Chinese when he was chief of the Japanese-sponsored Criminal Investigation Division at Ipoh, Malaya.

"You disgraced your family and as long as you are remembered it will only be with disgust and ignominy by members of your community until your name is forgotten in the infamous oblivion of a convict prison," Lt.-Col. J. G. Adams, presiding officer of the Superior Court, declared in pronouncing sentence.—Associated Press.

Oil Boom In Bahamas

Nassau, Apr. 28.

A rousing oil boom, still dry but reported to be backed by more than \$1,000,000 in American capital, stirred this British Crown Colony as the first drilling operations in the history of the Bahamas, bit into the coral Primitone formation of the Andros Islands.

Hopes that the quest may be successful were spurred by the theory advanced by geologists that the Andros Islands once formed part of the American mainland and might be a link in the oil vein between South Florida and Cuba.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Apr. 28.

Sallygo crows continued to haul up silver ingots from Tokyo Bay as they sought to clear the way for equipment used to recover two truckloads of precious metal bars which, an informed source said, was dumped last July. More than 40 bars of silver were hoisted from the mud and nearly a score more were exposed.—Associated Press.

MacArthur Reports On Japan

TOKYO, APRIL 28: THERE IS NO ADEQUATE METHOD OF DETERMINING HOW THE JAPANESE PEOPLE REALLY FEEL ABOUT EMPEROR HIROHITO, BUT THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT INCREASED NUMBERS WANT HIM TO REMAIN IN A MODIFIED STATUS, GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR SAID IN HIS LATEST OCCUPATION REPORT TODAY.

THE SUPREME COMMANDER DECLARED THAT MOST JAPANESE SEEM TO WELCOME EMPEROR HIROHITO IN HIS NEW ROL OF EMERGING FROM HIS PALACE TO VISIT AMONG THEM AND VOICE SYMPATHY FOR THE HOMELESS.

General MacArthur cited a graphic incident to show the changing outlook that has come to the ruler who, only since the surrender, has denied that he is divine.

"On one occasion, he removed his hat and bowed thanks to an ex-sailor for his effort," the occupation chief commented.

General MacArthur observed that only the Communists have strongly objected to the Emperor's activities and they do so with the claim that he is a war criminal and is campaigning in behalf of reactionary political parties.

"Press comments, party recommendations and policies, and scattered reports from political observers in various parts of the country seem to indicate that increasing numbers of people prefer the retention of the Emperor as the head of the state, but desire a modification of the concept that all state authority is vested in his person," the report said.

Imperial Wealth

A very limited survey by Japan's Public Opinion Research Institute was cited. It showed that 12.6 per cent. of the people favoured the old Emperor system, 60.2 thought the system safe only as long as he served as a "moral figurehead," and 22.6 that the Emperor system be abandoned in favour of an elected president.

The report listed the wealth of the Imperial Household, which has been frozen by Allied Headquarters, at 1,676,260,730 Yen not including the value of certain articles.

This figure embraces roughly, 3,000,000 Yen in cash, 311,000,000 Yen in bonds and stocks, 394,000,000 Yen in land, 693,000,000 Yen in standing timber, and 312,000,000 Yen miscellaneous property.

General MacArthur reported signs that the Japanese people are "developing" a sense of "political responsibilities" and that some of the confusion and bewilderment of the post-war period is being dissipated.

Food Warning

He viewed as being "encouraging" the "unequivocal, firm and extensive" appreciation by the Japanese government of the Allied Headquarters directive ordering the purge of ultranationalists from the political picture.

General MacArthur warned the Japanese that all agricultural elements must be cooperated for increased production because of the "acute food shortage."

The Supreme Commander stated that he had noticed an improvement in coal and mine operations and to this fact attributed the moderate upswing in iron and steel production.—Associated Press.

SHANGHAI ELECTIONS

Shanghai, Apr. 28. Shanghai's first democratic election is scheduled for to-day with an estimated 1,500,000 persons expected to vote for 181 city councillors.

For the last three weeks, candidates have campaigned in public parks by radio and pamphlets, methods never before employed in China. Heretofore, all city officials have been appointees of the mayor.

Twenty per cent of the 1,195 candidates are women. Unarmed police will supervise the voting at 100 polling places.—Associated Press.

HOLDING OUT

Manila, Apr. 28. About 170 Japanese are reported to be still holding out on the island of Lubang, 75 miles from Manila.

As a result, the 15,000 inhabitants of the island continue to live under apprehension. The Japanese have been stealing chickens, pigs and cows. Once they raided a vegetable warehouse.

Military units have been detailed to clear up the 40 square mile island and the remnants of the enemy are being slowly whittled down.—Reuter.

FLYING WING, RANGE OVER 10,000 MILES

Los Angeles, April 28.

The U.S. Army removed official secrecy from its new Flying-Wing Bomber today, the B-35, a radical new design which dwarfs even the giant B-29, and announced the range of the new plane is about one-fourth greater than the world's long distance record for aircraft. The Flying-Wing Bomber was designed and built by Northrop Aircraft Corporation and is expected to fly soon.

It is shaped like a colossal boomerang, with the crew, engines, fuel and armaments all housed inside. The wings of the plane spans 172 feet and has a centre width of thirty-seven and one half feet. Its normal gross load is 162,000 lb.

The B-35 Superfortress wingspan is 141 feet and it is 99 feet long. Its overload weight is 140,000 lb., whereas the overload weight Flying Wing is 209,000 lb. owing to the new design which calculates the overweight flying powers of the new ship.

The only performance data on the Flying Wing that has been released by the army is that its range is over 10,000 miles. The world record of 8,198 miles was set by a Superfortress last November.

The U.S. Army Air Force has ordered 15 of the huge Flying Wings, the first one costing about \$13,000,000. It appears to be readily adaptable to jet propulsion. The plane has a normal crew of nine and accommodation for six alternate crewmen.—Associated Press.

SOME BRITONS ALSO AGAINST U.S. LOAN

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Britain in next autumn's conference.

It is difficult for the British Government to be very persuasive in the face of the fact that the loan is still in the balance and that Britain's own adherence to the principles of the United States proposals is still conditional.

Then too, while the loan debate goes on, Britain's dollar exchange resources are steadily diminishing. There are no reliable current figures of her holdings but last month the country still had import in excess of about \$110,000,000 in spite of its much publicised increases in exports. This is about the quoted unfavourable balance averaging monthly during the past year. Imports are increasing almost as rapidly as exports.

Plans Held Up

Finally, there are extensive plans for the modernisation of industry and reconstruction being held up, pending the loan settlement. There is hardly an industry in Britain which hasn't been told by the Government to hold off on expansion or modernisation till it is possible to know what Britain can afford to buy in dollars.

The balance of official and city opinion is still that the loan will pass. This is apparently also what the British are being told by the United States Government. It is not the first time of course that the British have had cause to be amazed at the peculiarities of the United States legislative system, where decisions of historic importance can get held up by what seem to them rather like petty considerations, but it is a rather trying experience just the same.—Reuter.

BREAD AND BEER CUTS

Britain's Desire To Help Fight Famine

Whole City Responsible For Murder

Jerusalem, Apr. 28. Major-General A. J. H. Cassels, commander of the 8th Airborne Division, today told the Acting Mayor of Tel Aviv that he held the Jewish community in the city to blame for "wilful and brutal murder" of seven British soldiers belonging to his division.

"There is no doubt whatever in my mind that many members of the community either knew of this project or could have given some warning of it before it happened," he said.

"I am further quite satisfied that if you as a representative of the community either knew of this project or could have given some warning of it before it happened," he said.

Cassels informed the Acting Mayor of his intention to re-impose from dusk to dawn the curfew in the districts including Tel Aviv. He also decided to close all cafes, restaurants and places of entertainment in Tel Aviv from midnight until 5 p.m. in order to maintain public security and also because he considered the community to blame.

—Reuter.

More Sacrifices To Come

LONDON, APRIL 28. BRITAIN BY ITS "BREAD AND BEER CUTS" AND BY ITS DIVERSION OF 200,000 TONS FROM GRAIN STOCKS EITHER IN THE COUNTRY OR BOUND FOR IT, HAS SHOWN ITS KEEN DESIRE TO AID TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT THE FAMINE THREATENED LANDS OF THE WORLD.

THE PRESENT TWO POUND LOAF IS REDUCED TO THE NEW STANDARD OF ONE AND THREE QUARTER POUNDS WITH NO CHANGE IN PRICE AND WEIGHT BUT WILL PRODUCE A SAVING OF 12 1/2 PER CENT OF FLOUR USED IN BREAD MANUFACTURE.

The bread decision is the "first step" in economies. There will have to be more and these are still under discussion. They will probably include measures for bread saving in hotels, restaurants and canteens.

To save barley, beer brewing is to be returned to 90 per cent of prewar production in terms of standard beverage. Production has recently been at the rate of 5.42 per cent above prewar, so the decision involves a cut on present output of about 15 per cent.

The barley saved will go into

stocks and will be available for despatch to any part of the world where need exists.

Self Rationing

The reason for keeping the price of a loaf of bread unchanged is that it is thought that if the cost were lowered demand might be stimulated which would defeat the object of the scheme. It is felt that the habit may play a great part in "self rationing" and that the people will tend to buy the same number of loaves as usual provided the price is kept firm. But living costs will not be affected by the fact that bread will actually cost more.

The Treasury will save on the bread subsidy because of the smaller amounts of bread involved and the subsidy will be spread around to reduce the cost of other foods so that house-keeping bills will be kept on the same level as before.

It looks as though the 1-3/4 pound loaf will be standard size for a considerable time to come.

Urgent Need

The 200,000 tons of grain which Britain is diverting to help other countries will be made up by the United States and Canada in August but this will not mean a return to a 2-pound loaf. It will be impossible to estimate world food prospects until the yield of the spring harvest of next year is known, so the assumption is that Britain will have to jog along with the 1-3/4 pound loaf for about 12 months in any circumstances.

Bread economies follow the Government's statement that Britain would be willing to ration bread or to take comparable administrative steps to produce economies if America would take similar action. America responded by making a 25 per cent cut in flour for domestic use.

The British Government statement announcing bread and beer economies refers to substantial savings which Britain has already made in the consumption of wheat and grain in order to reduce its demands on world supplies.

It stated that the Government is confident that the British people will readily accept still further reductions in view of the urgent need to give aid to countries faced with a famine.

—Reuter.

BRITISH BLAZING NEW TRAIL

Caracas, Apr. 28. Piloted by a famous British air ace, Vice-Marshal Donald Bennett, a huge four-engine plane arrived here today on a test flight over the South American continent.

After two days in Caracas, the plane will fly to Natal on its way back to England.

—Reuter.

NORWAY TOO SOFT?

London, Apr. 28. Moscow radio heard by the Soviet monitor yesterday severely criticized the Norwegian authorities for their alleged over-indulgent treatment of German prisoners of war.

Quoting the "Red Star" the radio said that 32,000 prisoners of war and 2,500 German and satellite civilians remain under the control of fascist sympathizers.

—Associated Press.

GOLD RUMOUR

Capetown, Apr. 28. Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, South African Finance Minister, and acting Prime Minister, said in an interview today that he had no information whatever about the reports that an increase in the price of South African gold was probable.

"The report is most unlikely to be true," he added.

—Reuter.

Puzzling Russian Move In Iran

Teheran, Apr. 28. There is no official news of the progress of the Russian evacuation of Azerbaijan, which is due to be completed in nine days time but a reliable report just received here from Tabriz says that the Russian troops which passed through the capital of the province some weeks ago, en route to the south, have returned—minus some of their tanks and guns.

While it is possible that the arms concerned may have been evacuated by another route, one suggestion is that the equipment has been handed over to the Azerbaijan National Army.

Since there is only a single-track railway and the roads are not always first class, it is thought here that the Russian withdrawal will not be without difficulties but the Tehran Government quarters and also certain foreign circles believe that by May 6, the Russians will be in a position to say to the world: "The evacuation has been completed in accordance with our guarantee."

The Russians, who are reported to be using many captured German motors and trucks in Azerbaijan, are said to be transporting wheat and barley from the province, the grain having been bartered for kerosene, asphalt and machinery.

The Azerbaijan home army is stated to be using Russian trucks with Red Army marks and numbers removed.

Signs that the situation is becoming more normal in Azerbaijan are that foreigners do not now require permits to leave the province while the Russians in Teheran have granted necessary papers to allow two British business officials to travel to Tabriz. They had been awaiting permission for some weeks.

—Reuter.

Tangier, Apr. 28. The U.S. battleship "Missouri" arrived here yesterday. Many thousands of spectators watched her entry into harbour.

—Associated Press.

Portuguese Hold Mass In Mussolini's Memory

Lisbon, April 28. A mass in memory of Benito Mussolini was held here yesterday in the Church of the Martyrs.

Of more than 200 present, only five were said to be Italians, the others being identified as Portuguese volunteers who fought for Italy, as well as Portuguese writers and journalists and Spanish students.

Among the writers was Dr. Alfredo Pimenta, a contributor to the pro-Fascist newspaper "A Nacao" in which the announcement that the mass would be held was carried as an advertisement on Friday.

In the coming and going of those who attended, there was frequent Fascist saluting, both in and outside the Church, and copies of the newspaper with Mussolini's picture embedded in a long article were sold at the doors.

Leo Negrelli, one-time Mussolini Government press attache here, and one of the lesser leaders of Italian Fascism, was prominent in the gathering, and accepted condolences from many.

The mass was requested, according to "A Nacao," by a group of Portuguese citizens. This group is said to have told the clergy that the mass was to be held for a friend, named only as "Benito."

Copies of the newspaper on sale at the Church, in an article entitled "This Fascist Century," said "Whatever may happen this will become the age of Fascism," and recalled Il Duce's "glorious career." — Associated Press.

GIFTS FOR STALIN

Moscow, Apr. 28. The Soviet Government has decided to open a new hall to display gifts to Generalissimo Stalin which continue to arrive from all parts of the world. The hall opened last year proved too small.

Recent gifts to Stalin include a bronze statue of Czechoslovakia's national hero Jan Ceska, sent by President Edward Beneš, and a sword from Yugoslavia.

—Associated Press.

STATE CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY

London, Apr. 28. All work being conducted in Britain on the development of atomic energy is to be brought under state control under a special bill to be introduced next week by Parliament, it was announced today.

The Government as controlling agents will set up a chain of research centres with the object of keeping Britain abreast with other countries. One such centre is already in existence near Oxford.

—Reuter.

"Oriental Curse" On Banker?

Vancouver, Apr. 27. An Oriental curse on 10 agate cups and the disappearance of three fabulously valuable jade necklaces, spiced the mystery of the fate of the Shanghai banker, Henri Bar, who disappeared from the S.S. "Samwater" a few days ago.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Vancouver detectives, seeking an answer to Bar's disappearance, have thoroughly searched the vessel from which Bar disappeared.

It was unofficially reported that Bar told passengers that he had hidden in his cabin, three precious white jade necklaces, worth more than his entire art collection which is valued at \$250,000.

The same source said that the police might find Bar's body tucked away in some cubby-hole, but they left the ship without discovering either corpse or necklaces, apparently.

As for the curse, the Vancouver "Daily Province" said that sailors aboard ship told a passenger that 10 agate cups in Bar's collection were relics of the Peking Palace looting in the early part of the century and that "there is a curse" on them.

Henri Bar disappeared from the S.S. Samwater, a small passenger freighter, carrying him and 23 teakwood cases of rare art and antiques, to Vancouver.

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Soviets Issue Prospectus On Atomic Energy

New York, April 28.

Peaceful uses of atomic energy are stressed in a prospectus by S. Vavilov, President of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow and just issued by the Soviet Embassy in Washington. Vavilov does not mention atomic war although he mentions a rocket type of artillery.

The statement is a summary of "the will to carry out Stalin's order for Russian scientists to surpass in the near future the scientific achievements of other countries."

Albania Asks For An Invite

London, Apr. 28. Tirana Radio last night said that Albania has asked to be invited to the Foreign Ministers Conference now taking place in Paris.

The Albanian President, Enver Hodja, "appealed to the good-will of the Conference to take into account Albania's right to be invited so as to make clear her point of view on the Italian peace treaty," the broadcast said.

The Albanian statement declared that 3,000 partisans were fighting the Italians in 1939 and that in subsequent warfare against both Italy and Germany more than 50,000 Albanians were killed or wounded.

"Albania now considers," said the statement, "that she has the right to put forward her claims on Italy as well as on Germany." — Associated Press.

Sydney, Apr. 28.

The New South Wales meat industry employees union has decided to call a strike of its 90,000 members.

Major food industries in the state will be paralysed as a result.

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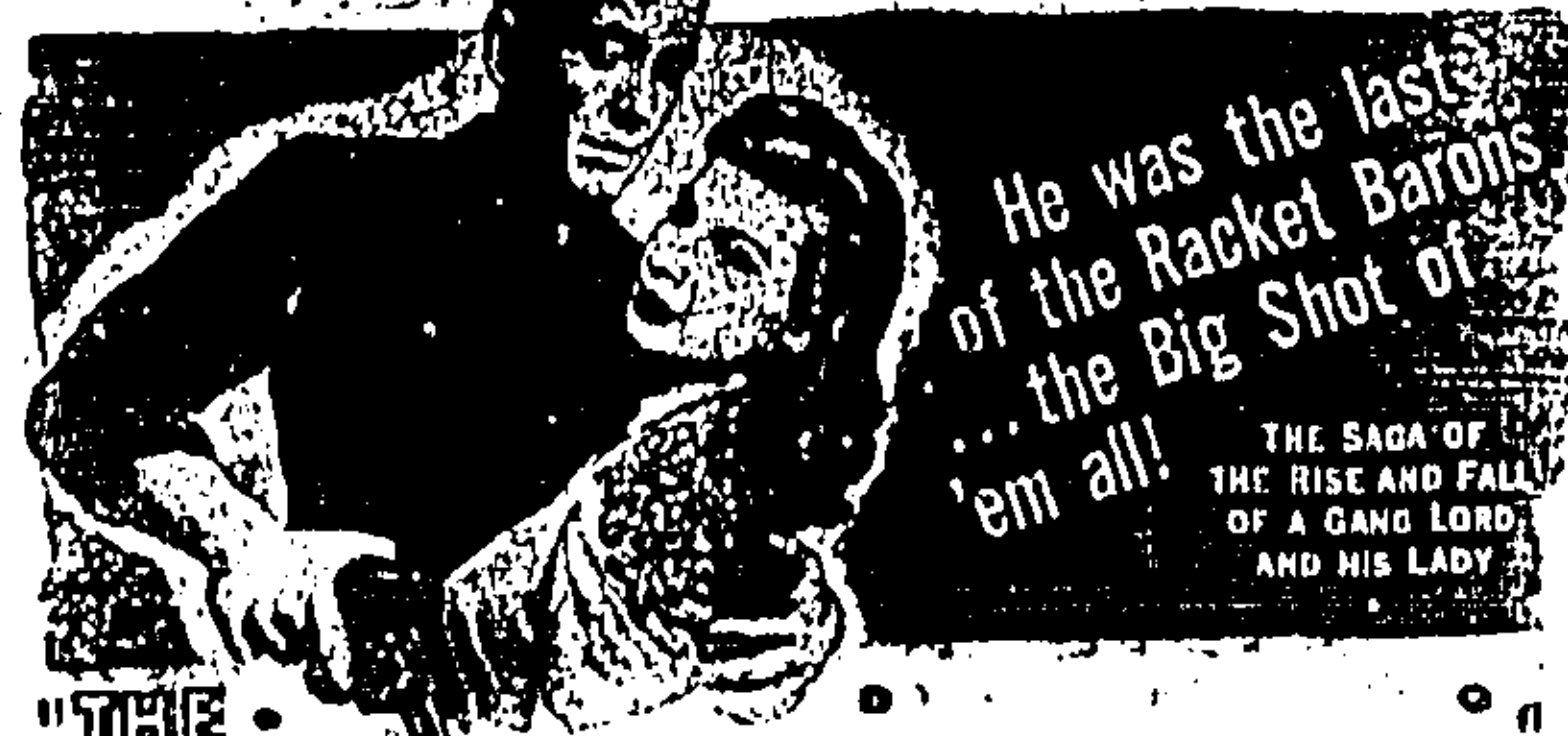
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NEW STAGE IN INDIA Mission Calls For Tripartite Talks

U.N.R.R.A. Flies Vaccine To Canton

Washington, Apr. 23.
U.N.R.R.A. director-general Fiorenzo La Guardia today announced U.N.R.R.A. was flying 22,680 additional vials of cholera vaccine to China. He said it was enough to protect 200,000 persons. He said "So important are vaccine shipments that U.N.R.R.A. has arranged a first shipment of 2,280 vials to leave San Francisco today aboard a plane chartered by U.N.R.R.A., displacing passengers."

"We are doing our best to prevent graver consequences of cholera at Canton as U.N.R.R.A. did at Chungking last year in helping to avert serious epidemic. The present action should result in saving thousands of lives."—Associated Press

SUGGESTION FOR COMPROMISE

Paris, Apr. 23.
A compromise solution of the controversy reported between the Russian and Anglo-American representatives at the Foreign Ministers' Conference on Italian reparations, is advocated by the Journal "Le Monde" today, which often reflects the French Foreign Office views.

"Le Monde" suggested limited reparations in kind to be spread over long periods.

Commenting that "France having renounced her part, it should above all be a question of satisfying countries such as Yugoslavia and Greece, whose claims are really valid."—Reuter.

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Vital Period In Next Fortnight

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THE BRITISH CABINET MISSION TODAY, ON THEIR RETURN FROM AN EASTER RECESS AT KASHMIR, ADVANCED THE INDIA NEGOTIATIONS TO A NEW STAGE BY CALLING TRIPARTITE TALKS BETWEEN MOSLEMS, HINDUS AND THE BRITISH DELEGATION.

IT HAS INVITED THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PREDOMINANTLY HINDU INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE ALL INDIA MOSLEM LEAGUE TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR A JOINT CONFERENCE WITH THE DELEGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINDING AN AGREED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THESE TWO MAIN PARTIES.

Suggestions have been made that the British Mission might put forward a plan of its own, designed to carry with it the major Indian parties. But it is emphasised that the coming being followed is still that of an attempt to reach a settlement by agreement.

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Fresh Honour For Lord Rothschild

Another secret of the war was disclosed by the appointment in London, of Lord Rothschild to the American Legion of Merit. Lord Rothschild already holds the George Medal "for dangerous work in hazardous circumstances."

His new honour supplements the award of the United States Bronze Star, some months ago. President Truman, in the citation, said of Lord Rothschild: "From 1943 to August, 1944, as counter-sabotage officer of the British War Office, he was recognised as one of the world's greatest experts in this branch of military intelligence."

"He gave unstintingly of his time and energy in personally training American officers as counter-sabotage specialists. He wrote and edited many technical manuals used as textbooks by the United States Army, especially by bomb-disposal engineers and counter-intelligence personnel."

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"The services of Col. Lord Rothschild in the instruction of American personnel were a very valuable contribution to the success of the United Nations and an enduring achievement in the high cause of British-American co-operation."

Lord Rothschild, who is 35, succeeded to the title in 1937. A Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, he was engaged on research work in biophysics until, at the outbreak of the war, he went to the Ministry of Supply, and shortly afterward was seconded to the War Office.

He said in London last night that he was in charge of counter-sabotage for both the United States and British military authorities.

"Most of the work was secret bomb disposal, a method of neutralising bombs placed by enemy agents in ships and elsewhere. More than that I cannot say without violating the Official Secrets Act."

His George Medal was, he disclosed, awarded for the same work. A War Office spokesman said last night that a decision by the Government would probably be necessary before further details of Lord Rothschild's activities could be published.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on Monday, 29th April, 1946, at 12.30 p.m., in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, Room 303, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and the Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 25, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

Department of Imports & Exports

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H. A. TAYLOR,
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports.

Hong Kong, April 20, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

NOTICE.

LEGAL BRANCH

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For the purpose of constituting the second part of the register under the above-mentioned Ordinance, written applications will now be received by the undersigned at the Courts of Justice, from all male persons of any of the following classes:

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(c) barristers and solicitors in actual practice and the clerks of solicitors in actual practice;

(d) persons registered under Section 4 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, or under the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, or under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916;

(e) editors and sub-editors of daily newspapers published in the Colony;

(f) clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, and ministers of any congregation of Protestant Dissenters or of Jews, acting as such in the Colony;

(g) professors and other academic officers of the University of Hong Kong;

(h) masters of schools which are certified by the Director of Education as not being vernacular schools;

(i) certified officers of the British Mercantile Marine; and

(j) officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, and also such other members of the said Corps or of the said Force as shall have been exempted from Jury Service by the Governor in Council;

Provided that no person who is in the service of the Crown, and whose whole time is at the disposal of the Crown, shall be entitled to be included in the said register.

Written applications should reach the undersigned not later than the 30th day of June, 1946.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1946.

H. A. de Barros Botelho,
Acting Registrar,
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Hong Kong, April 25, 1946.

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 Conditions of Sale published in
 the 9th March, 1946, issue of the
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A. E. B. de SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1946.

Russo-U.S. Traits Of
Pride And Vanity

San Francisco, April 28.

The Russian and American traits of pride and vanity are the chief threats to world peace, said Admiral William Standley, former ambassador to Russia, on Friday. Speaking before the Commonwealth Club, Admiral Standley attributed what he called Russia's cover-up policy to pride and vanity, but added at the same time, that the Americans demonstrate those traits as well as the Russians.

He proposed greater tolerance on the part of Americans "try-
 ing to pick a quarrel" with
 Russia. He added that the
 main objective throughout the

was seemed to be for a "durable
 peace, through an effective
 world organization," but
 misunderstandings threatened
 continued co-operation between
 Russia and the United States.

"I feel sure that civilization
 cannot survive another war—if
 it has survived this one. It is
 my reasoned judgement that the
 greatest deterrent to an under-
 standing between our people
 and the Russians is traits of
 character common to both—
 pride and vanity. We Americans
 are proud. We've a lot to be proud
 of. In our pride and vanity, we
 even use pressure politics to in-
 duce other nations' people to
 adopt our system of govern-
 ment, economy and religion.

"We do not tolerate criticism
 in our press and do not agree with
 us. Our two party system—each
 party critical of the other—en-
 courage our critical attitude
 toward things foreign and in-
 terferes with the unity of our
 efforts in our international re-
 lations.

"The Russians are proud and
 vain too. We cannot blame
 them. We cannot blame the
 Communists for these traits.
 They are a heritage which
 comes down through genera-
 tions; compared to our standards
 of development, living and effi-
 ciency, the Russians have not
 much to be proud of. Liberty
 and freedom as we know it, do
 not exist. Individual initiative
 exists within narrow limits
 only and pride and vanity evi-
 dence themselves in an effort
 to cover up rather than show off.

"They want to keep their
 shortcomings not only from the
 world, but from their own peo-
 ple. Vanity only evidences it-
 self where the Soviet can be
 proud of their efforts and pro-
 duct.

"The standards of living are
 low, housing conditions are ter-
 rible and transportation and
 communications are intolerable.
 In fact, there is almost nothing
 they can take obvious pride in,
 unless it is their unity of effort
 which resulted in the success
 of the Red Army. On the other
 hand, vanity prompts them to
 make representations which
 have not been and cannot be
 realized. I cannot see why we
 cannot solve our differences on
 a tolerant, friendly basis." He
 concluded.—Associated Press

FIRE NOT DUE
TO SABOTAGE

B.A.O.R. H.Q. Apr. 28.
 A Military Government state-
 ment issued today said that the
 fire which broke out yesterday
 in the Military Government
 Headquarters in Hanover short-
 ly after seven British members
 of Parliament left the building
 was not caused by sabotage.

The two people, believed to be
 Germans, who died in the fire,
 have not yet been identified.
 The whole main wing of the
 Hanover Region Military Gov-
 ernment Headquarters burst
 into flames yesterday accom-
 panied by three severe explo-
 sions.

The fire blazed for hours and
 was eventually put out by Ger-
 man and Army fire brigades.
 The gutted wing, known as
 "Stirling House" was almost
 totally destroyed and the whole
 headquarters was evacuated.—
 Reuter.

N. Y. STOCKS

New York, Apr. 27.
 The big bull market four years
 old finished generally losing dur-
 ing the week, with specialised re-
 coveries dominating the proceed-
 ings. While individual favorites
 today jumped three points or so
 on notably thin transactions,
 many pivots found going a bit
 difficult.

Advances, however, were well
 in the majority at the close.
 Demand for utilities persisted.
 Active and prospective earn-
 ings apparently inspired the day's
 principal buying, despite waning
 hopes of a coal strike settlement.

Transfers totalled 590,000
 shares.
 Dow Jones Averages ... \$ 70.70
 30 Industrials ... 206.13
 20 Rails ... 63.94
 15 Utilities ... 43.39
 Adams Express \$23, Alaska
 Juneau \$8, American Can \$97,
 American Smelting \$69, American
 Telephone \$193, American To-
 bacco \$95, American Water-
 works \$26, Anaconda Copper
 \$47, Aviation Corporation \$11,
 Baldwin \$31, Barnsdall \$30,
 Bendix Aviation \$49, Bethlehem
 Steel \$100, Boeing \$29, Borden
 Co. \$55, Canadian Pacific \$19,
 J. I. Case \$46, Chrysler \$129,
 Commercial Solvents \$25, Corn
 Products \$63, Dupont \$205, Elec-
 tric Light & Power \$28, General
 Electric \$46, General Motors
 \$73, Goodrich \$30, Goodyear
 \$73, International Harvester
 \$92, International Paper \$50,
 International Tel. & Tel. \$26,
 Kennecott Copper \$50, Mont-
 gomery Ward \$98, National
 Distillers \$74, National Lead
 \$37, New York Central RR
 \$26, Packard Motors \$94, Pan
 American Airways \$20, Pennsylv-
 ania RB \$42, Radio Corp \$17,
 Republic Steel \$33, Reynolds
 Tobacco \$44, Schenley \$78,
 Sears Roebuck \$47, Shell Oil
 \$40, Socony Vacuum \$16,
 Southern Pacific \$58, Standard
 Brands \$60, Standard Oil of
 Calif. \$56, Standard Oil of New
 Jersey \$77, Studebaker \$29,
 United Bag \$34, Union Carbide
 \$120, U.S. Rubber \$76, U.S.
 Steel \$83, Westinghouse \$34,
 Youngstown Sheet & Tube \$71.
 —Associated Press.

COTTON

New York, Apr. 27.
 Domestic and Canadian mills
 buying strengthened cotton fu-
 tures prices today.
 May \$27.89, July \$27.64/65,
 October \$27.35, December \$27.05,
 March \$27.09, May \$27.05, Mid-
 dling Spot \$28.52.—Associated
 Press.

GREEK PARLIAMENT
POSTPONED

Athens, Apr. 28.
 The opening of the new Greek
 Parliament, which was to take
 place next Monday, has been postponed until May 15, while M.
 Philippe Drassinis, Foreign
 Under-Secretary and Leon Melas,
 Director-General of the Greek
 Foreign Office, visit Paris to
 watch developments in the "Big
 Four" Foreign Ministers talks.
 The postponement is also linked
 with talks now going on inside
 the Government on the constitu-
 tional question and the question
 of the cabinet.—Reuter.

War Crimes

Meanwhile, 5,045 prisoners of
 war and 145 Allied civilians had
 been speedily repatriated. The
 task was completed in short order
 but for three British subjects and
 nine Dutch who chose to remain
 in Saigon.
 British authorities assigned to
 the task of sorting out war
 criminals interrogated more than

BRITISH
LIVESTOCK

Edinburgh, Apr. 28.

The general food shortage and
 especially the worldwide demand
 for mutton has brought
 with it a steadily increasing
 demand for British pedigree
 livestock, the best meat-produc-
 ing stock in the world, from
 overseas.

Since the establishment of
 breeds and registered herd
 books, British herds and flocks
 have been able to maintain un-
 impaired a supply of stock on
 which overseas breeders have
 been able to draw with perfect
 confidence for the maintenance
 of the quality of their own
 herds.

While the solution of world
 food problems may seem far
 beyond the sphere of the ped-
 igree farmer in Great Britain,
 British pedigree farm stock, by
 reason of its meat producing
 qualities is the starting point of
 all commercial stock throughout
 the world, supplying beef, mutton,
 bacon and milk.

The British climate, the British
 cropping system and the in-
 herent ability of British
 stockbreeders have all contrib-
 uted to put British livestock at
 the top of the world's meat-pro-
 ducing animals.

A flood of orders from abroad
 this spring, caused by the in-
 creased demands of larger herds
 and flocks in most countries of
 the world combined with a lack
 of shipping and other factors
 which prevented the normal
 flow into importing countries,
 have driven prices up to abnor-
 mally high levels. Example of
 prices quoted recently are 14,500
 guineas for a shorthorn, 12,500
 guineas for a Hereford and 7,
 500 guineas for an Aberdeen-
 Angus.—Reuter

Hirohito Has
The Right Idea

Tokyo, Apr. 28.
 The Emperor Hirohito of Japan,
 through the Prime Minister, Baron
 Kijuro Shidehara, today sent
 Reuter the following message to
 mark the arrival of the British
 occupation troops in Japan:
 "I shall always cherish the very
 happy reminiscences of my visit
 to England in 1921. May every
 blessing of peace and prosperity
 be secured to the British nation
 for all time to come."—Reuter.

New York, Apr. 27.
 Foreign Exchange Market:—
 T.T. on Montreal \$90.87 1/2, London
 \$4.03 1/2, Paris \$0.84 1/2, Buenos
 Aires \$24.30, Rio de Janeiro \$5.25,
 Mexico \$20.05.—Associated Press.
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ENVIABLE RECORD
IN F.I.C.

Saigon, April 28.

British and Indian occupation forces chalked up an enviable
 record of accomplishment during their six and one-half
 months in Southern Indo-China, an official report issued
 today shows.

The balance sheet, issued by the British Military Mission to
 French Indo-China, explains that when the British and
 Indian troops arrived in September, 1945, under Maj-
 Gen. Gracey, they had three missions: Disarmament of
 Japanese, repatriation of internees and prisoners of war,
 and maintenance of order so that the two primary
 objectives could be achieved.

Disarmament was speedily ac-
 complished and the Japanese con-
 centrated. Cap. St. Jacques, a one-
 time week-end resort at the mouth
 of the Saigon river, was made the
 centre for 39,099 Japanese. Kept
 in Saigon and put to work were
 17,007 more. Ten thousand were
 held in various other places.

Outside Saigon, in expertly run
 centres, 3,317 civilians were in-
 termed. Families were kept to-
 gether and every effort was made
 to have the Japanese start their
 own gardens and become virtually
 self-sufficient as to food. Dis-
 cipline was firm.

Repatriation to Japan was ex-
 pedited and the Japanese began
 to leave for home aboard Japa-
 nese-manned ships by mid-March.
 Their departure eased the internal
 situation of Indo-China.

War Crimes

Only one event marred the
 handling of war criminals. Eight
 Korean war crimes suspects es-
 caped and were not recaptured.
 British forces also re-equipped
 the French 3rd Colonial Infantry
 division so that it could carry on
 after the British withdrew. Im-
 portant assistance also was
 furnished in putting the port of
 Saigon back into full-scale opera-
 tion. On March 15, the function
 of the remaining British forces
 reverted to a purely consultative
 role. By that time virtually all
 the Indian and British troops had
 left Indo-China with the know-
 ledge of a job well done.—As-
 sociated Press.

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Dutch "Sabotage" In Indonesia?

BATAVIA, April 28.
THE INDONESIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY AUTHORITIES IT WAS STATED HERE TODAY WISH TO SUPPRESS THE NEWS OF THE CLASH BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND INDONESIAN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BATAVIA A FEW DAYS AGO AS THEY FEAR ITS REPERCUSSIONS MIGHT ENDANGER THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF FORMER ALLIED INTERNEES, ENTRUSTED TO THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES UNDER THE RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIED HIGH COMMAND AND THE INDONESIAN REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT.

THIS ENGAGEMENT COMING ON TOP OF RECENT INCIDENTS AT THE VILLAGE OF PESING, JUST OUTSIDE BATAVIA, WHICH DUTCH TROOPS OCCUPIED ON ORDERS OF THE LOCAL DUTCH COMMANDER, HAVE STIMULATED WIDESPREAD SUGGESTIONS THAT A POWERFUL DUTCH POLITICAL AND MILITARY GROUP IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO SABOTAGE THE DUTCH-INDONESIAN DISCUSSIONS.

SHIP HELD UP

Melbourne, Apr. 28.
The 16,000-ton P. & O. liner "Rimutaka," held up yesterday because the crew complained that she was not carrying enough food for Britain, sailed today. Her captain explained that the ship was carrying a full cargo, but did not seem full because the cargo included a large quantity of dried fruit, which was heavier than it looked.—Reuter.

BRITISH MIGRATION TALKS

London, April 28.
The development of atomic weapons of warfare has compelled the British Government to revise its attitude towards migration. The question of dispersing the country's great industrial power from areas where congestion of factories and working population is great has formed an important part of the Commonwealth defence talks during the past week between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Australian Premier, Mr. J.B. Chifley, the New Zealand Deputy Premier, Mr. Walter Nash — together with the Chiefs of Staff.

As a result of their discussion, it was agreed that all possible steps be taken for the earliest possible resumption of migration.

It is understood that the British Government has so far modified its earlier policy of drastically checking outflow of the country's skilled workers as to present to Australia and New Zealand the outlines of a plan for considerable dispersal of Britain's manpower and industries in various parts of the Commonwealth.

Craftsmen Needed

Australia and New Zealand, both in great need of craftsmen to develop the healthy industries born in these Dominions during the war, have welcomed this move, and both Mr. Chifley and Mr. Nash will return to their capitals with immigration figures high on the list of subjects for attention by their Governments.

Note has also been taken in London of the recent statement by the South African Minister of Interior, Senator Cleson, that South Africa would like to see a white population of 10,000,000, instead of 2,000,000, and Field Marshal Smuts will be told of the British Government's plans when he joins the Empire talks on Monday.

The following week, the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, will be told of the developments as soon as he arrives. It is understood that for the time being it is not the intention of the British and Dominion Governments to work out a "Commonwealth scheme of migration." Each Dominion will encourage the entry of British craftsmen, in accordance with its varying requirements.—Reuter.

First details of the latest Dutch-Indonesian clash were made available today following last night's vague reports. The Dutch describe the incident as patrol action but reports from unofficial Indonesian sources spoke of Dutch raids on kampungs some miles beyond the furthest Dutch outpost at Klerend, about two miles south-east of Batavia.

The Indonesian casualties were given by Indonesian unofficial sources as between 70 and 100 killed, but usually reliable allied sources say that 27 were killed and 23 captured.

The engagement appears to have occurred within earshot if not within sight of the railway over which a train, escorted by Indonesian Republican soldiers and carrying 700 internees, reached Batavia the same morning.

Supremo's Promise

Later, during the same day, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, now on a visit to Java, and Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Premier, exchanged promises that Allied and Indonesian forces would do nothing to provoke hostilities.

An official Dutch report quoted by the Netherlands News Agency today said that Allied troops had attacked a concentration of extremists at Tjiteureup, south of Batavia, yesterday, killing 19 and taking 150 prisoners.

Dr. Amir, Republican Vice-Governor of Sumatra, has taken refuge in an Allied prisoners-of-war camp at Medan, northern Sumatra, the Netherlands News Agency reported today. The Agency stated that this was an indication that the Republicans were no longer capable of controlling the situation on the East coast of Sumatra.

Meanwhile, in The Hague, Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, is planning to leave for Batavia next Tuesday.

On his return to Java, he will continue the negotiations with the Republican Government of Dr. Sutan Sjahrir in the light of what has emerged from the talks on the future status of Indonesia in the Dutch capital.

The three-man Indonesian delegation to The Hague talks left Holland yesterday to return to Java.—Reuter.

Lack Of Tin For Canning

Washington, April 28.
John C. Houston of the Civilian Production Administration expressed fear today that "crops will rot in the field" unless greater supplies of tin plate is provided for the canning industry.

The coal strike which is crippling steel production has also aggravated the already acute tin shortage here, he said, adding "it appears that canners simply won't have the containers to handle the crops."

Similar concern has been voiced by officials of the National Canners Association, who said their food packs would run short despite the world food crisis unless the coal strike is settled within 10 days.

In the meantime, Reconversion Director John Snyder said after conferring with President Harry Truman that he saw no prospect of an early solution to the coal strike. — Associated Press.

U.S. GOLF PROS. TO STAY HOME

New York, April 28.
If Britain's golf professionals are serious about wanting to match their skill with the current crop of American stars, it looks like they might have to come to the United States to do it, for both Nelson and Hogan, top ranking golfers of the States, are too busy making money on this side to go wander, g. afield.

With a total of \$550,000 in prizes due to be distributed among the golfing tribe this year, starting with the \$10,000 Houston Invitation tournament May 9 to 12, the Americans cannot afford to lose several weeks on a trip to Britain, however much they might like to show their strength.

That is why there probably will not be a single American professional in the British Open tournament in July. That same month the Tom O'Shaunessy tournament in Chicago will distribute \$45,000 in prizes, including \$10,000 to the winner.

In time, it seems highly probable that the British professionals will begin coming to the United States to play the round of money events since the pickings on their own island are very slim. Until they do the British golfing public will just have to accept on faith the claims made by Uncle Sugar's hot shots.—Associated Press.

Cotton Keeps It Up

Virginia Water, Apr. 27.
Having maintained brilliant form from the start of the tournament in which 36 holes' strokes qualified 16 men for match play, Henry Cotton, Britain's "personality" golfer and ex-champion won the first prize of £300 in the "Star" £1,500 golf tournament on today beating Arthur Lees by four up and three to play in the 18-hole final.

Two other ex-champions had been eliminated in the semi-finals, Cotton beating Alfred Padgham by three and two while Lees defeated Richard Burton, last winner of the title, at the 22nd. The title has not been played for since 1939.

Cotton, always a hot tip for the honours because of his brilliant scoring of 25 under fours for holes actually played during two qualifying rounds. Lees excited a crowd of 5,000 following spectators when he led at the third hole but Cotton soon assumed mastery and was three up when the ninth was reached in 32, thereafter never losing grip of the match and the title.—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION

London, Apr. 27.
The following Rugby Union matches were played today:
Aberavon 8, Llanelli 4; Devonport Services 3, Swansea 33; Ebbw Vale 8, Bridgend 0; Newport 22, Pontypool 3; Cardiff 3; Torquay Athletic 22; R.A.F. 0.—Reuter.

MANUS IS. NO USE TO U.S.

Melbourne, April 28.
General Sir Thomas Blamey, former Australian Commander-in-Chief, said today that Manus Island — former Pacific War base in the Admiralty Islands north of New Guinea — is "no use to America as a base against an Asiatic enemy." He had stated at Melbourne in March that the United States had ambitions to control Manus Island and was negotiating with Britain for an exchange of a number of islands.

"The operation for capture of Manus Island was one of the easiest of its kind, with little of blood, sweat and tears, suggested in some quarters as the reason for America's right to claim an interest in the island," General Blamey added today.

"America already controls islands as bases against attacks from Japan and Asia," he added. "If Australia loses control of Manus she may one day find this island a threat to her safety. I am a friend of America — Australia and America are friendly." — Reuter.

Derby County Wins Cup Final

(The first full report of the Cup Final appeared exclusively in the "H.K. Sunday Herald" yesterday).

LONDON, April 28.
ENGLISH FOOTBALL'S BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR CAME BACK TO ITS FULL GLORY AT THE GIANT FLAG-DECKED WEMBLEY EMPIRE STADIUM TODAY WHEN DERBY COUNTY WON THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR 62 YEARS HISTORY BY BEATING CHARLTON ATHLETIC 4-1 AFTER EXTRA TIME BEFORE A CROWD OF 100,000 CHEERING FANS.

IT WAS A DISPLAY OF BRITISH SPORT WHICH BEFITTED THE PRESENCE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY — THE KING, THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 28.
Sam Zoljak shut out the Chicago White Sox in his debut for the St. Louis Browns Saturday. Vern Stephens, who jumped to the Mexican League and back, hit a home run in the fourth inning and singled in another run in the sixth.

Spud Chandler, of the New York Yankees, blanked the Washington Senators with three singles. Flash Gordon hit a home run. Hank Greenberg singled in the 11th, with the bases loaded, after Detroit had tied the game in the ninth and Detroit won, 5 to 4.

American League Scores

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	3	1
Chicago	0	3	2
New York	9	12	1
Washington	0	3	1
Cleveland	4	8	3
Detroit	5	8	1
Boston-Philadelphia	postponed		

The St. Louis Cardinals' captain, Terry Moore, drove in two runs with a single as Max Lanier, pitcher, blanked the Chicago Cubs for a third victory. Joe Judge hit twice in three trips to bat and scored once to give Cincinnati a 5 to 2 victory over Pittsburgh.

National League Scores

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	4	1
St. Louis	4	7	1
Pittsburgh	2	8	1
Cincinnati	5	8	1
Brooklyn-New York	postponed		
Philadelphia-Boston	postponed		

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League			
Teams	Won	Lost	Pctg.
New York	9	3	.750
Boston	8	3	.727
Detroit	7	3	.700
St. Louis	4	5	.500
Chicago	4	6	.400
Cleveland	3	5	.375
Washington	3	8	.273
Philadelphia	2	8	.200
National League			
Brooklyn	8	1	.889
St. Louis	6	2	.750
Boston	6	4	.600
Chicago	4	5	.444
Pittsburgh	4	7	.364
Cincinnati	4	7	.364
New York	3	7	.300
Philadelphia	2	6	.250

LABOUR PARTY OF A MILLION

London, Apr. 28.
A call for a Labour Party membership of 1,000,000 by Christmas — one in twelve of the 12,000,000 Labour voters — was made by Mr. Morgan Phillips, Labour Party secretary, at Chatham tonight.

"Our aim is to double the members of trade unionists affiliated to the Party," he declared. "At present only 2,610,000 of the 6,575,864 trade unionists affiliated to the Trade Union Congress pay political levy. Enrolment of these additional trade unionists into our ranks will call for intensified education in Socialist principles and for vigorous campaigning among all industrial and farm workers by Party members." — Reuter.

HOOVER IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Apr. 28.
Mr. Herbert Hoover, now touring the Far East on his special food survey for President Harry Truman, arrived here this afternoon.

He leaves tomorrow morning for Shanghai.—Reuter.

NO ASSAULT

New York, Apr. 28.
A jury acquitted Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, yesterday of a charge of second degree assault against Joseph Christak, 38 years old. They also acquitted Joseph Moore, a special guard at Ebbets Field, of the same charge.

Christak alleged that the two men beat him up in the Ebbets Field grandstand after the

Thrills And A Spill At Happy Valley

THE SIXTH RACE MEETING OF THE SERVICES RACE CLUB WAS HELD AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND DESPITE THE SULTRY WEATHER WAS WELL PATRONISED BY RACING FANS. OUTSTANDING EVENT OF THE DAY WAS, OF COURSE, THE HARCOURT CUP. THIS WAS THE C-IN-C'S LAST MEETING, AND THE CUP WAS PRESENTED TO COMMEMORATE HIS CONNECTION WITH THE REVIVAL OF RACING IN THE COLONY.

Yesterday's races provided some thrills and at least one spill. Interest was sustained throughout and betting was good.

The first race was uneventful. The second race was won from the favourite, Flicker, by Mouse (Captain Klein) by 2 1/2 lengths, and its backers were paid a dividend of \$26.30 for winners.

An interlude was provided in this race by Goldy who refused to start, and its rider had to abandon the race.

The third race was won by Sancel (Cdr. Courage), despite its 90-yd. handicap, and its rider received the coveted trophy from Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt amidst much hand-clapping. Sancel was a sure shot, but Mayfair was an unexpected second, and paid \$36.50, the largest place dividend of the day.

Duke's (A. B. Towler) win in the fourth race was also a surprise, and paid its backers \$40.50, the largest winner dividend of the day.

Record Dividend

Directly as a result of the upset in the 2nd and 4th races the Tote Double paid the record dividend of \$272.70. There were only 25 lucky ticket-holders.

The last race, a hurdle race, was won by Billy, ridden by Maj. Skewes-Cox, who rode Moses to victory in the last steeplechase.

This time Moses fared badly and after refusing to make the last hurdle it threw its rider, W/Cdr. Chadwick. Tony shifted at the first hurdle and refused to budge, leaving its rider (S/Ldr. Jenkins) no alternative but to abandon the race.

Following are the results:—

1st Race—Newbury Nursery (5 furlongs)

Jeannie (Lt. Pearn) 1
Sharney (Major Hodgman) 2
Happy (Capt. Klein) 3
Also ran:—Gypsy (A.B. Towler) and Jonah (L/Cpl. James).
Winner:—\$8.70. Places:—1st \$7.00, 2nd \$0.20.

2nd Race—Bicoster Handicap (6 furlongs)

Mouse (Capt. Klein) 1
Tojo (A.B. Towler) 2
Flicker (Col. Foster) 3
Also ran:—Betsey (A.B. Wright), Goldy (L/Cpl. James), Maria (S/Ldr. Jenkins) and Mary (L/Cdr. Parker). Winner:—\$26.30. Places:—1st \$7.70, 2nd \$7.70, 3rd \$6.60.

3rd Race—Harcourt Cup (7 furlongs)

Sancel (Cdr. Courage) 1
Mayfair (Major Gaskell) 2
Autumn Rose (Major Hodgman) 3
Also ran:—Jackie (Cdr. Gregory), Jacobus (Col. Foster), Prince (W/Cdr. Chadwick) and Tony (S/Ldr. Jenkins). Winner:—\$40.50. Places:—1st \$8.30, 2nd \$7.00, 3rd \$10.00.

4th Race—Pythley Plate (5 furlongs)

Duke (A.B. Towler) 1
Nigger (Col. Foster) 2
Starlight (A.B. Wright) 3
Also ran:—Dorcen (A.B. Rowlands). Winner:—\$40.50. Places:—1st \$8.30, 2nd \$7.00.

5th Race—Heythrop Hurdle (Apt. 7 furlongs)

Billy (Maj. Skewes-Cox) 1
Anthony (Col. Porcoval-Frigo) 2
Stardust (Cdr. Courage) 3
Also ran:—Moses (W/Cdr. Chadwick) and Tom (S/Ldr. Jenkins). Winner:—\$21.70. Places:—1st \$7.30, 2nd \$5.70.

CHOY KEEPS HIS TITLE

London, Apr. 28.
W. C. Choy, member of the Chinese Davis Cup team that plays Denmark next month, retained his Feddington Lawn Tennis Tournament title, with a 6/2 6/1 verdict over C. A. Kemp, champion of Ireland.

In the Women's singles, closely watched by the British for the Wightman Cup prospects, Mrs. Jess Noodl Bostock defeated Mrs. Kay Stammers Menzies by 6/0 6/4 for the title and unofficial recognition as Britain's net queen.—Associated Press.

Brooklyn-Philadelphia game last June 9. Both defendants asserted that Christian Zell.—Associated Press.

CASH SWEEPS

First Race	
1st No. 4822	\$4,473
2nd " 3814	1,278
3rd " 4989	630
Unplaced ponies Nos. 2231 and 143	\$100 each.
Second Race	
1st No. 3694	\$4,876
2nd " 3784	1,393
3rd " 3970	1,096
Unplaced ponies Nos. 4058, 2828, 3259 and 3875	\$100 each.
Third Race	
1st No. 300	\$5,237
2nd " 4597	1,406
3rd " 3922	748
Unplaced ponies Nos. 4755, 413, 164 and 2568	\$100 each.
Fourth Race	
1st No. 3096	\$5,648
2nd " 5478	1,614
3rd " 1803	807
Unplaced ponies Nos. 2568 and 94	\$100 each.
Fifth Race	
1st No. 4762	\$14,809
2nd " 3494	4,260
3rd " 8895	2,130
Unplaced ponies Nos. 16071 and 11075	\$300 each.

Usual English Summer!

Hurn Airport, Apr. 28.
The Nawab of Pataudi, who is captaining the Indian Test team in England, together with Amar-nath and Bannerjee, two of India's best known cricketers, arrived at 5.00 p.m. (British Summer Time) today. The other members of the team will arrive shortly by air.

It was raining as the giant flying bird touched down here from sullen skies and the Nawab of Pataudi was the first to alight.

As he emerged from the aircraft, he smilingly said: "The usual English summer."

All the cricketers felt fit and well though Amar-nath, whose first flight this was, had felt seasick during part of the journey.—Reuter.

THE BABE FOR MEXICO?

New York, Apr. 27.
Babe Ruth may get his long cherished chance to manage a baseball club. Ruth hinted he may take the reins of a Mexican Baseball League team when he said he might go to Mexico for a visit and look over the situation. He made the statement after he was queried by newsmen over reports that Jorge Pasquel, President of the Mexican circuit, had contacted him.

Ruth said "No one has made me an offer—as yet." — Associated Press.

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12.42 p.m.—Lou Whitcomb Quintet with Pat Russell & Denny Dennis (ENSA).
1.00 p.m.—News and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Rawies and Landauer, on Two Pianos.
1.30 p.m.—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—The Howell Sisters and the Mills Brothers.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—Command Performance.
7.30 p.m.—Studio—"Courier's Choice."
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
8.15 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.
8.35 p.m.—Variety Half-hour.
9.05 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) and Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano).
9.45 p.m.—Latin Orchestral Selections.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
10.30 p.m.—Paul Whiteman's Concert Orchestra.
10.50 p.m.—The Music of Richard Strauss.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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